

Public Library

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San Diego Public Library and KPBS to Screen Documentary Film "Race is the Place" at Central Library on Dec. 7

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library and KPBS will screen the documentary film "Race is the Place" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The free event will also include music, poetry and dance by local performers.

Featuring established artists as well as up-and-comers, the film is a one-hour jam that combines racially charged clips from old movies with interviews and performances. These pieces dare to examine one of the most emotionally explosive issues in American life, busting stereotypes by using humor and poetry to say things traditionally left unsaid.

"Race is the Place" yanks off the muzzle of political correctness to speak the ugly truths that lie beneath talk of "multiculturalism" and "diversity." It offers perspectives from Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos, Arab Americans and Asian Americans, as well as those of mixed backgrounds, on the often unspoken issue that has defined our country since its inception and continues to separate us: race. It also shows that racism and stereotypes are not just a white/nonwhite issue; they pervade every ethnic and racial community.

KPBS has made arrangements for local artists—members of Los Able Minded Poets, poet and author Sherehe Roze, songstress Ishe, and a Polynesian dance group—to express their cultural experiences through performance.

Seating is limited. Please reserve a seat by calling KPBS at (619) 594-2491 or emailing jblack@kpbs.org by Monday, Dec. 5.

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